

comes of this a great contraband to this right  
was held by Eng till middle of try & to Eng colonies  
It was estimated that 50,000 were annually  
sold. (Lecky Vol II ch 1. Give main external  
facts of Slavery in 18<sup>th</sup> cty) at beginning of French  
cty slave tr by Eng U.S. was concert  
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(Ashley omitted to speak of. —

The Eastland Co. chartered in 1579

It had a monopoly as vs other Eng merchants  
of the Baltic tr. & at first had to push their way  
under grt difficulties vs. the House this 'very  
soon in 17<sup>th</sup> cty other towns <sup>in Eastern Baltic</sup> followed example  
of Hamburg & spec slautzig. By Act of prlt  
in 1672 the tr with northern side of the Baltic  
<sup>in Sweden</sup> was thrown open, and at the request of the  
merchants themselves belonging to Eastland  
Co the members left fees of Eastland Co was  
lowered to 40 \$. The centre of their tr was  
slautzig at mouth of the Vistula wh during 18<sup>th</sup> cty  
was most important city of the Baltic. Gdman  
so important as Hamburg. but in Baltic had  
no rival. Slautzig seems slowly to have come  
to the front soon after the fall of Novgorod  
in a sense of took place of Novgorod to where  
best products of what is now western Russia. From